

The Coastal Zone Act of 1971 and Dutch-American Heritage Day to be featured at Lewes, Del.'s Zwaanendael Museum in November 2014

-Long-term listing of museum events also included-

(DOVER, Del.—Oct. 31, 2014)—During the month of November 2014, the [Zwaanendael Museum](#), located at 102 Kings Highway in Lewes, Del., will present two special programs focusing on different aspects of Delaware history. For additional information, call 302-645-1148.



Zwaanendael Museum

On Saturday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m., the museum will present “Delaware’s Decades—the 1970s: ‘Coastal Zone Act of 1971,’ ” a lecture by Kevin Coyle, principal planner for the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, on the [landmark state-legislation](#) that limited industrial development in Delaware’s coastal areas. The program is the 1970s chapter of “Delaware Decades,” an eight-part series of lectures exploring successive decades in Delaware’s history from the 1930s to the 2000s. Admission to the event is free

and open to the public but, due to space restrictions, reservations are required by calling the museum at 302-645-1148 no later than Nov. 6, 2014.

On Saturday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m., the museum will celebrate [Dutch-American Heritage Day](#) with a lecture by Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs archaeologist Craig Lukezic on the Dutch loss of New Amstel (now New Castle, Del.) to the English in 1664. In addition to the lecture, the museum will be featuring Dutch-related activities between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. including crafts, a display of interesting Dutch facts, the proclamation of Dutch-American Heritage Day and a Power Point presentation on the "First Salute" to the flag of the United States. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Zwaanendael Museum was built in 1931 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the state's first European colony, Swanendael, established by the Dutch along Hoorn Kill (present-day Lewes-Rehoboth Canal) in 1631. Designed by E. William Martin (architect of Legislative Hall and the Hall of Records in Dover), the museum is modeled after the town hall in Hoorn, the Netherlands, and features a stepped facade gable with carved stonework and decorated shutters.

Zwaanendael Museum exhibits and presentations provide a showcase for Lewes-area maritime, military and social history. Current exhibits include "[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#)" which tells the DeBraak story, and "[Delaware and the War of 1812](#)" which examines the service and sacrifice of Delawareans of 1812 to 1815, and the important role that the state played in a conflict that helped shape the development of the United States as a nation.

Following is a long-term schedule of Zwaanendael-Museum-sponsored special events. Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Zwaanendael Museum located at 102 Kings Highway in Lewes, Del. Museum hours from Nov. 1 to March 31 are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. From

April 1 to Oct. 31, museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free for all events listed. For additional information, call 302-645-1148.

Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014

"Delaware's Decades—the 1970s: 'Coastal Zone Act of 1971.' "

Lecture by Kevin Coyle, principal planner for the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, on the landmark state-legislation that limited industrial development in Delaware's coastal areas. Part five of an eight-part series exploring decades in Delaware's history. 2 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations are required by calling 302-645-1148 no later than Nov. 6, 2014.

Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014

Dutch-American Heritage Day. Learn about the contributions that the Netherlands has made to the economic, social, political and cultural life of Delaware and the United States. Program will include a lecture by Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs archaeologist Craig Lukezic on the fall of New Amstel (now New Castle, Del.) in 1664. Lecture at 2 p.m. Additional program 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014

"Hospitality Night." 1920s holiday-themed program featuring festive décor, music, demonstrations and seasonal refreshments. 6–9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014

"Tour Zwaanendael Museum." Enjoy the museum's festive holiday-décor. Event held in conjunction with the Lewes Historical Society's [Christmas Tour of Lewes](#). 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015

"Delaware's Decades—the 1980s: 'Salvage of His Majesty's Sloop DeBraak.' " Lecture by Claudia Leister, executive

director of the Milford Museum. Part six of an eight-part series exploring decades in Delaware's history. 2 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations are required by calling 302-645-1148 no later than Jan. 5, 2015.

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015

"Delaware's Decades—the 1990s." Program description TBA. Part seven of an eight-part series exploring decades in Delaware's history. 2 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations are required by calling 302-645-1148 no later than Feb. 2, 2015.

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Delaware's Decades—the 2000s. Lecture by Bill Ayrey, lab manager and company historian from [ILC Dover](#), who will discuss the future of space travel and space suits from the early 2000s to the present. Eighth and final installment of a series exploring decades in Delaware's history. 2 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations are required by calling 302-645-1148 no later than March 2, 2015.

Thursday–Saturday, April 9–11, 2015

[Lewes Tulip Festival](#). City-wide series of activities celebrating Lewes' Dutch heritage including Dutch games, crafts and a display of Delftware ceramics at the Zwaanendael Museum. Sponsored by the [Lewes Chamber of Commerce](#). Downtown Lewes. 10 a.m.–4 p.m. 302-645-8073.

Saturday, April 18, 2015

Dutch-American Friendship Day. Discover Delaware's Dutch roots and learn how that connection is alive today. 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 25, 2015

King's Day. Celebration of the birthday of King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands in a program that will also explore royal titles and Delaware's Dutch connection. 10

a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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